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Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SASSER, Mr. MATHEWS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-
5 leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and
6 Preservation Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For the purposes of this Act—

1 (1) the term “historically black colleges and
2 universities” has the same meaning given the term
3 “part B institution” in section 322(2) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)); and

5 (2) the term “historic building and structures”
6 means a building or structure that is listed on the
7 National Register of Historic Places or is designated
8 as a National Historic Landmark.

9 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

10 Congress finds that—

11 (1) the Nation’s historically black colleges and
12 universities have contributed significantly to the ef-
13 fort to attain equal opportunity through postsecond-
14 ary education for African-American, low-income, and
15 educationally disadvantaged Americans;

16 (2) over the course of our Nation’s history, the
17 Federal Government and the States have discrimi-
18 nated in the allocation of land and financial re-
19 sources to support the institutions, forcing them to
20 rely on the generous support of private individuals
21 and other charitable organizations;

22 (3) the development of private and charitable fi-
23 nancial support for historically black colleges and
24 universities has resulted in structures and buildings

1 of historic importance and architecturally unique de-
2 sign on the campuses of these institutions; and

3 (4) many of the structures and buildings at his-
4 torically black colleges and universities are national
5 treasures worthy of preservation and restoration for
6 future generations of all Americans and for the stu-
7 dents and faculty of the institutions.

8 **SEC. 4. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**
9 **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**
10 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

11 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—In fiscal years
12 1995 through 1998, the Secretary of the Interior (referred
13 to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall make grants in
14 accordance with this section to historically black colleges
15 and universities for the preservation and restoration of
16 historic buildings and structures on the campus of the
17 institutions.

18 (b) **GRANT CONDITIONS.**—Grants made pursuant to
19 this section shall be subject to the condition that the
20 grantee covenants, for a period of time specified by the
21 Secretary that—

22 (1) no alteration shall be made to the property
23 with respect to which the grant is made without the
24 concurrence of the Secretary; and

1 (2) reasonable public access to the property
2 with respect to which the grant is made shall be per-
3 mitted by the grantee for interpretive and edu-
4 cational purposes.

5 (c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND
6 STRUCTURES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF
7 HISTORIC PLACES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), the Federal share of a grant under this
10 section for a building or structure listed on the Na-
11 tional Register of Historic Places shall be not more
12 than 50 percent of the cost of the grant project.

13 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may waive the
14 cost-share requirement for a grant under this sub-
15 section if the Secretary determines that an extreme
16 emergency exists or that a waiver is in the public in-
17 terest to ensure the preservation of historically sig-
18 nificant resources.

19 (d) FUNDING.—

20 (1) SOURCE.—The Secretary shall make grants
21 pursuant to this section from amounts made avail-
22 able to carry out the National Historic Preservation
23 Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

24 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

1 (A) FISCAL YEAR 1995.—For fiscal year
2 1995—

3 (i) not more than \$20,000,000 may be
4 made available for a grant under this sec-
5 tion; and

6 (ii) of such amounts—

7 (I) \$5,000,000 shall be made
8 available for grants to Fisk Univer-
9 sity; and

10 (II) \$10,000,000 shall be made
11 available for grants to historically
12 black colleges and universities identi-
13 fied for inclusion in the Department
14 of the Interior Historically Black Col-
15 lege and University Historic Preserva-
16 tion Initiative.

17 (B) SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—For each of fis-
18 cal years 1996, 1997, and 1998, not more than
19 \$15,000,000 may be made available for grants
20 under this section.

21 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall develop and
22 implement regulations to carry out this Act.

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